

The Claimed Invention Is:

1. An apparatus for collecting a body fluid for testing for an analyte contained within said body fluid, said apparatus comprising:
 - a reservoir for receiving and collecting a flow of body fluid from a discharge end of a conduit;
 - a capillary test space positioned to be in contact with said fluid in said reservoir after said fluid has accumulated within said reservoir to a transfer volume of fluid; and
 - said capillary test space sized to wick said fluid from said reservoir when said fluid in said reservoir attains said transfer volume.
2. An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:
 - test components within said capillary test space for testing said fluid for said analyte.
3. An apparatus according to claim 2 wherein:
 - said test components include electrodes for electro-chemically testing said fluid;
 - said electrodes positioned within said capillary test space to be in contact with said fluid after said fluid is wicked into said capillary test space.
4. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:
 - said reservoir includes first and second spaced-apart ends;
 - said discharge end of said conduit disposed adjacent said first end; and
 - said capillary test space is disposed adjacent said second end.
5. An apparatus according to claim 4 wherein a volume of said reservoir between said first and second ends of said reservoir is sized to be at least as great as said transfer volume.
6. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said capillary test space is vented.

7. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein material defining said capillary test space is more hydrophilic than material defining said reservoir.
8. An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:
 - said conduit is a needle extending from a penetration end to said discharge end;
 - said needle penetration end being exposed for penetration into a patient's skin to access body fluid for said fluid to flow along said needle and discharged into said reservoir at said discharge end.